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CLAIMS

1. A method of collaboration between a plurality of associated portlets in a portal server comprising:

5 associating each portlet with a portlet descriptor describing context names;

0 forming collaboration groups of portlets having corresponding context names.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said context names define context values; each said group of portlets including a master portlet and at least one slave portlet.

15 3. The method of claim 2 wherein each said group of portlets share context names in common.

0 4. The method of claim 3 including communicating changes in context values of a master portlet to slave portlets of said master portlet.

5 5. The method of claim 4 including changing context values of said slave portlets to match context values of said master portlet as communicated.

10 6. A method of hosting a plurality of associated portlets accessible by a user in a web portal having portlet refresh capability, wherein said portlets have portlet descriptors, comprising:

15 managing said plurality of associated portlets in a portlet application;

35 assigning a priority descriptor to each portlet using its portlet descriptor; and,

refreshing said portlets in order of their refresh priorities.

40 7. The method of claim 6 wherein said groups of associated portlets comprise collaboration groups of portlets;

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